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## U.S. HEARS GOODNEWS!

Recently, we have been blessed to have Goodnews Peter, the Provost at the Nigerian Christian Bible



College, Nigeria, as our guest here in the US. He arrived on March 27 in Nashville. During his time in the US, he has spoken at multiple congregations in Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, and Arkansas. Also, he was able to see snow for the first time! He also spoke at the African Violet Dinner in Nashville and the Missions Appreciation Dinner in West

Virginia. We thank God for giving him safe travels both to and within the US during his visit.

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### ACSF President Visits NCBC, WNCC, Nigeria in January/February 2018

ACSF President, Chad Wagner, recently spent five weeks visiting both campuses of ACSF: Nigerian Christian Bible College (NCBC) and West Nigeria Christian College (WNCC). He participated in the Founder's Day celebration at NCBC, visited classes while in session at WNCC, and learned more about the overall operations of both schools. Also, while in Nigeria, he attended the Great Workshop in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State Nigeria where over 600 proven evangelists were in attendance. And, it is very interesting to note, that 75% of those effective evangelists were products of either NCBC or WNCC which proves the worth and effective training one receives at those institutions.

### New Laptop Grant Program for Staff

Anywhere you go in the world, the computer has become the cornerstone of the workplace. Nigeria is no different! It is time to replace the computers at both schools which are outdated.

Laptops are the answer! We have been trying to purchase one laptop each month for the schools so that the teachers use them in their work. With these laptops, they will be able to conduct research for their classes and prepare lessons much easier.

Can you help us purchase a laptop at \$350?



# WNCC SCHOOL UPDATE

The **West Nigeria Christian College** (WNCC) continues to thrive in western Nigeria

as well as building the church. WNCC is located just outside the third fastest growing city in the world, Lagos, which currently has a population of 21 million souls. WNCC is strategically located to maximize its outreach to this prime vineyard for the Gospel. We are thankful for all that God has done at WNCC as well as your partnership.



## SOUL WINNING OUTREACH

The students and staff at WNCC continue to be active in evangelism outreach throughout their community. The Nigerian Gospel Chariot is a new tool for evangelism that the

students are making full-use of in their area. As you can see, they are using it to bring others into the

knowledge of the truth of the Gospel. Classroom instruction is important, but practical evangelistic experience

is key to being an effective soul-winner after graduation.



## WINDOWS REPLACED IN PREPARATION FOR ACCREDIATION VISIT NEXT YEAR

WNCC will celebrate its 20-year anniversary next year. Plans are well under-way for the school to have an accreditation visit next year. If the Lord wills, we will have the school at WNCC offering accredited degrees for its 20 year anniversary. The windows were recently replaced in preparation for the visit (see picture).

Accreditation is the necessary next step at WNCC so that the school will remain an academic leader, produce students capable of being competitive in Nigeria's increasingly educated country, and to ensure that the operations of the school are being known and accepted by the Nigerian government.



Bumper sticker recently picked up in Nigeria.

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## Honoring Marion “Cato” Graves


Marion Cato Graves was born in a small frame rental house north of Nashville sometimes called “Cab Hollow.” She is the sister of Willie Cato, Jr., who has done so much for African Christian Schools and Christian education in Africa. She married a newspaper subscription/insurance salesman named Robert Earl (Bob) Graves in early June 1939. In her life, she worked on the family farm, working at the White Way Laundry in Nashville washing and pressing shirts, and later being a super sales lady for an upscale department store in which she had the opportunity to sell to the Governor’s wife. She has also had the chance to travel to Cuba, England and to the Holy Lands with her brother Willie Cato, Jr.



In her life, not only did she believe in simple New Testament Christianity, she was an advocate for New Testament Christianity as well as a soul-winner for Christ. She was loved and admired by too many to count. She passed from this life in February 2010, but her love and influence continue through her children and family. A member of the Graves family reached out to ACSF wanting to honor their mother as well as donate in honor and memory of this humble, but strong Christian woman. They chose ACSF because it was begun by her late brother Willie Cato, Jr. and his associates, that supports Christian training primarily in Nigeria, which is the most populous country in Africa. According to her son, Baxter Graves, “Where ever the Good News of Jesus goes, society is always improved, and souls are turned to God and his ways.” We are humbled by their choice as well as the opportunity to bring honor to whom honor is due.

## **Andrew Isiip, teacher & leader, passes from this life into eternity.**

**Celebrating the life of an extraordinary man of God**



On behalf of the Isiip children in the DFW area... We request your presence to help us celebrate the life of our Father and Grandfather, Dr. A. A. Isiip, who has gone on to be with his Heavenly Father.

A favorite quote: "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal.6:9"

RSVP: Abigail Isiip: 214-207-0807 / Nola Udoh: 214-207-0507

**Date: May 6, 2018. Time: 2pm – 6pm**  
**Venue: 2100 Lanshire Dr., McKinney, TX 75070**

**We look forward to our time of fellowship**

After graduating from Middle Tennessee State University, Brother Lucien Palmer asked Andrew Isiip and his wife Grace to go and be the director of the Nigerian Christian Bible College in 1978. He faithfully led NCBC from 1978 until 1999 when he moved to Abeokuta, Nigeria to run NCBC’s sister school, West Nigeria Christian College, for one year. We are very grateful to him for his service to ACSF and to our God and His kingdom. Building upon the great work and sacrifices of men like Brother Isiip, the church in Nigeria continues to thrive.

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## **AFRICAN VIOLET DINNER A SUCCESS!**

On April 5, 2018, we had our 2018 **African Violet Dinner** at the **Hillsboro Church of Christ** in Nashville, TN. We are very grateful to the church at Hillsboro for the use of their facility. We are also very grateful to all who attended the dinner. Goodnews Peter, the Provost at the Nigerian Christian Bible College (NCBC) was the primary speaker. The Lord blessed us with a full house where we raised over **\$22,000 during the night.**



We are also very grateful to **Ron Laughery** and **Jack Thorn**, ACSF board members, who hosted

a dinner in Parkersburg, WV at the **Lynn Street Church of Christ.**

Goodnews was also the primary speaker along

with a representative from World Bible School and a local rep for Healing Hands. We were able to effectively bring awareness of ACSF to those churches in the Ohio River Valley with over 90 in attendance with many congregations represented at the dinner. Thanks to all who made this possible!

### **BECOMING AN ACSF PARTNER**

We are needing your help to continue this good work. If you would like for us to come and speak to you or your congregation, let us know! We are always willing to share the good news of what God has been doing in Nigeria and the bright future that it holds. **We need monthly partners to help us at \$100 each month to see the schools and work continue.** Can you help us meet some of our urgent needs? Let us know! Call our office at 615-542-6282. It is also easy to set up recurring donations online at [www.africanchristianschools.org](http://www.africanchristianschools.org)